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SUBJECT: UNEP: GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 19, PM SESSION

SUMMARY: CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 9 CONTINUED IN PLENARY
WITH STATEMENTS BY INDIA, JAPAN, USSR, CHILE, PAKISTAN,
PHILLIPINES, IRAQ, GHANA, POLAND, AUSTRIA, VENEZUELA,
GDR, CAMERONS, BANGLADESH, KUWAIT, AND AUSTRALIA.
HIGHLIGHT FOLLOW. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR CON-
SULTATIONS TO DEVELOP REPORT FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
WEDNESDAY PM. ON ITEM 10, COUNCIL AGREED (A) TO POSTPONE
DISCUSSION OF REPORT TO GA ON DECLARATION TO FUTURE SESSION,
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(B) TO REQUEST SECRETARIAT TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR COUNTRIES TO REPORT ON RESPONSES TO NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS, (C) TO TAKE NOTE OF WHAT COUNTRIES DID TO OBSERVE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, AND (D) DEFER DISCUSSION OF SECOND CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT UNTIL THE SECOND COUNCIL MEETING, TAKING NOTE OF MEXICAN AND JAPANESE OFFERS TO HOST THE CONFERENCE. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. INDIA: SUPPORTED CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION. APPROVED UNEP/ GC/6 AS IT STANDS. BELIEVED CONF/ EXPO SHOULD NOT BE END IN ITSELF, BUT SHOULD BE RELATED TO LONG- TERM PROGRAM OF ACTION. MENTIONED NEED FOR RESEARCH AND PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT, COMMENTING THAT CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION WILL NOT IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, ONLY ACTION WILL. ON MOBILIZATION OF HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, RECOMMENDED THAT S/ G PURSUE VIGOROUSLY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT GA RES. 2997, 2998, IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION WHERE FURTHER STEPS WOULD BE RECOMMENDED. CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF ESA AND CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING. SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AT CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION FOR LDC' S. UNEP SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS ACTIVITY.

2. JAPAN: ASSURED SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION. STATED THAT REPORT IN UNEP/ GCXY MEETS JAPAN' S GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, AND THAT THE CONF/ EXPO COULD SERVE AS WAY TO FIND ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO SOLVE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS. BELIEVED CONF/ EXPO SHOULD PROVIDE INPUT TO 2 ND CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. WANTED CONF/ EXPO TO BE WITHIN SCOPE OF STOCKHOLM RECOMMENDATIONS AND SECRETARIAT TO COOPERATE WITH UNEP SECRETARIAT. STATED THAT CONF/ EXPO SHOULD REPORT TO UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THEN TO GA.

3. USSR: BELIEVED CONF/ EXPO IMPORTANT AND SUPPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FOLLOW- UP ACTIONS TO IT. RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER CONF/ EXPO SHOULD REPORT TO UN OR UNEP, STATING THAT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS WERE VAGUE ON THIS POINT, AND THAT PART OF THE CONF/ EXPO WAS ENVIRONMENTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND PART WAS NOT. POINTED OUT IN RAMBLING STATEMENT THAT GLOBAL ECOLOGY DEPENDS ON BALANCE BETWEEN NATURE, AGRICULTURE AND URBAN AREAS, AND SUGGESTED THAT CONF/ EXPO SHOULD BE CONFINED ONLY TO LATTER. BELIEVED COMMITTEE COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DECIDE ON THE AIMS OF THE CONF/ EXPO AND HOW SAVINGS COULD BE ACHIEVED IN ITS SUPPORT. RECOGNIZED THAT SOME MONEY FROM ENVIRONMENT FUND WILL

HAVE TO BE SPENT ON CONFEXPO. PROPOSED THAT CONFEXPO BE CONSIDERED AS " TEMPORARY", NOT GIVING RISE TO SUBSEQUENT BODY, REMINDING COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF " OUR POSITION TAKEN IN NEW YORK". TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS TREPIDATION ABOUT ABSTRACT, GENERALISTIC APPROACH THAT EXISTS AT GOVERNING COUNCIL, STATING THAT DOCUMENTS ABOUT CONF/ EXPO WERE NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH.

4. CHILE - AGREED WITH NEED FOR CONF/ EXPO AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED IN SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS.

5. PAKISTAN - PLACED HIGH PRIORITY ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS. SUGGESTED THAT JUDICIOUS CHOICES BE MADE IN SELECTING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR CONF/ EXPO AND THAT WORK START IMMEDIATELY ON THEM. APPLAUDED SPECIAL TECHNIQUES FOR DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS CANADIAN SUGGESTION FOR T
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PROBLEM. ALSO STATED NEED TO ESTABLISH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FUND TARGET.

7. IRAQ - COMMENTING THAT ITS URBAN/ POPULATION WILL TRIPLE BY

THE YEAR 2000, STATED ESSENTIAL NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION. SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO, AGREED WITH SECRETARIAT' S DOCUMENTS, EXCEPT THAT WANTED PREP. COMMITTEE BE WITHIN UNEP. EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INCLUDING FAILURES AS WELL AS SUCCESSES IN DEMONSTRATIONS, AND WANTED EXHIBIT ON WORLD- WIDE SCALE, NOT JUST IN VANCOUVER.

8. GHANA - SUPPORTED CONF- EXPO, STATING IT WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WAS ONE PROBLEM ON WHICH ALL COULD AGREE ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

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BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE TEST ON WHICH UNEP' S FUTURE DEPENDS AND CONSEQUENTLY CONFEXPO SHOULD NOT BE " TACKED ON".

9. POLAND - MENTIONING PLANS TMO DUPLICATE ITS EXISTING HOUSING IN 20, YEARS, EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AREA. PROPOSED THAT PREPARATION FOR CONF/ EXPO SHOULD BE DONE BY COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNEP AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. AFTER THESE POINTS, STATED THAT PARTICIPATION BY POLAND WILL BE DECIDED LATER.

10. AUSTRIA - SUPPORTED CONFEXPO GUIDELINES PROPOSED. BELIEVED PREPARATORY WORK SHOULD DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON REGIONAL LEVEL. EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FAILURES AS WELL AS SUCCESSES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

11. VENEZUELA - SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO. WANTED SPECIAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING. EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT ON WHAT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WOULD BE, BUT BELIEVED THEY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO WHAT HAS OR WILL HAPPEN, NOT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

12. GDR - SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO. EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY LIKED INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON HOW TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS. STATED THAT MANY QUESTIONS EXIST WITH REGARD TO CONDUCT OF CONFEXPO, SINGLING OUT THE NEED FOR REVIEW OF BUDGET WHICH BELIEVED IS TOO HIGH. WANTED CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING THE PLAY CENTRAL ROLES IN SUBSTANCE AND PROGRAM.

13. AUSTRALIA - SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO. BELIEVED SHOULD HAVE TOTAL ECOLOGICAL CONTEXT RATHER THAN NARROW APPROACH OF HOUSING AND PLANNING. SUGGESTED POPULATION CONFERENCE MAY MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PREPARA-

TIONS FOR CONF/ EXPO.

14. CAMEROONS: SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO. DESCRIBED LOCAL
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PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY THOSE CAUSED BY YOUTH LEAVING
RURAL AREAS, SUGGESTING CONF/ EXPO MIGHT CAST LIGHT ON
RURAL SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS. PROPOSED THAT COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING BE USED FOR PREPARATORY
WORK.

15. KUWAIT: BELIEVED THAT ADEQUATE FINANCING NOT ENOUGH
TO SOLVE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS, NEED TO INCLUDE
SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL. SUGGESTED FAILURES AS
WELL AS SUCCESSES BE INCLUDED IN DEMONSTRATIONS.

16. BANGLADESH: SUPPORTED CONF/ EXPO. WANTS GA RES. 3001
IMPLEMENTED. STATED THAT CONF/ EXPO FOCUS ON ONE OR TWO
SUBJECTS FOR SPECIFIC ACTION, WORKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL
ASPECTS FIRST OF ALL.

17. AT END OF INTERVENTIONS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT STATED
THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED PROVIDED A BASIS FOR CONSULTATION
OF COUNTRIES. PROPOSED THAT DELEGATIONS CONTACT CANADA
AND RAPPORTEUR AND WORK OUT DETAILS SO DECISION CAN BE
TAKEN BY COUNCIL AT WEDNESDAY PM SESSION. COUNCIL AGREED
TO THIS PROCEDURE.

18. AGENDA ITEM 10 CONSIDERED NEXT WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT-
PROPOSING ACTION ON EACH AREA AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DECLARATION: GUIDANCE OF GOVERNING COUNCIL RE-
QUESTED BY GA RES. 2994 ON FURTHER WORK COUNCIL MIGHT
WISH TO UNDERTAKE ON BASIS OF DECLARATION. PRESIDENT
PROPOSED CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER AT FUTURE SESSION
OF COUNCIL. AGREEMENT REACHED TO DO SO, BUT INDIA ASKED
WHAT ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED ON GA RESOLUTION 2998. SEC-
RETARIAT RESPONDED THAT A REPORT WAS BEING PREPARED BUT
RESOLUTION DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNCIL ACTION. INDIA DID NOT
PRESS ISSUE.

(B) ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL: SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL
MAY WISH TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON
ACTIONS HE MIGHT TAKE WITH REGARD TO NATIONAL RECOMMEN-
DATIONS FROM STOCKHOLM. COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUGGESTED
SECRETARIAT DEVISE WAYS TO KEEP COUNCIL INFORMED ON
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NATIONAL ACTIONS. COUNCIL AGREED.

(C) WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS IN EARLIER INTERVENTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 MENTIONED THEIR ACTIVITIES ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY. COUNCIL AGREED TO TAKE NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF WHAT GOVERNMENTS HAD DONE.

(D) SECOND CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT: AS REPORT TO GA IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL 29 TH SESSION, QUESTION DEFERRED UNTIL SECOND MEETING OF COUNCIL, TAKING NOTE OF MEXICAN AND JAPANESE OFFERS TO HOST THE CONFERENCE. BASSIN

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